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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.—At the close of our report on the admission of Kansas was taken up.

Mr. Fitch renewed the amendment offered by him on Saturday, and urged its passage upon the Senate. (This amendment provides that all the laws of the United States not locally inapplicable, shall have the same force and effect as in any other State, and also that the district shall be a judicial district with a district court with like powers as that of Minnesota.)

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 29, nays 28. So the amendment failed.

The bill was then taken from the committee and reported to the Senate, and put upon its passage, and passed by the following vote—yeas 38, nays 16.

The resolutions of Mr. Crittenden were then brought up before the Senate, and after a protracted debate (no action having been had upon them) the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—After our report left.

Mr. Colfax introduced a bill which proposes to authorize the Postmaster General to discontinue the postal service in the several States where the operations of the postal law with reference to existing contracts, &c., are interfered with. Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. English offered a resolution to the effect that in the present alarming condition of the country, the duty of Congress is to take immediate steps for preserving peace and maintaining the Union by removing all causes of sectional differences. And to that end Congress should take such measures as will be just and honorable compromise, involving no sacrifice of principle from any party. And that the Committee of Thirty-three be instructed to carry out these resolutions into effect.

On motion of Mr. English, a vote was taken upon seconding the demand for previous question upon his resolutions—resulting yeas 77, nays 22.

Mr. Morris offered a resolution to the effect that the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of amending the neutrality law so as to prevent persons in one State from fitting out military expeditions to aid persons in another State who have declared themselves out of the Union, and to occupy a position outside of the rightful authority of the laws of the United States. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Corwin then took the floor, and addressed the House in a lengthy speech. He referred to the difficulties of 1859, in which South Carolina seceded from the Union, and declared the right of any State to secede, and the Federal Government upon any plea which they might be pleased to get up. He denied that republicans had any intention to excite insurrection, or to make war upon southern institutions, and said that any man who by any means sought to stir up insurrection, should and would be severely punished. He said that the fertile fields of Texas as being more territory than they could take up with their slaves in many years.

Mr. Corwin representing the minority of the committee, then obtained the floor, and in a short speech deprecated the sectional strife now raging, and said that Virginia would stand by the Union and the law. He hoped that after these difficulties had passed away, the historian writing the history of these times, would look back upon the events of the present year with regret and happiness and glory of the Republic.

The House then adjourned.

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SENATE.—Mr. Seward presented a memorial from soldiers of the war of 1812, praying pensions. Referred.

Also, a memorial of 746 citizens of New York, praying pensions for the soldiers of the Union; likewise, a similar memorial of 15,000 citizens of New York city.

Mr. Salisbury presented resolutions of the citizens of Delaware, and denied the right of amendment. Laid on the table, and the bill reported.

The Vice President said that no minute of the proceedings of the Senate had been prepared, and appeared on the Journal for the reason that the paper in relation to the question had been submitted to the Senate. He asked the instructions of the Senate in regard to the matter.

Mr. Fitch thought it could occasion no practical difficulty. The chairman of the committee could report the absence of these Senators, and Mr. Douglas thought that the Senators were no longer members of the Senate. Whatever might be the right of a State to secede, the right of Senators to withdraw was undoubted.

Mr. Wilson thought that these gentlemen were still members of the Senate.

Mr. Benjamin said that the Journal of the Senate should be a faithful transcript of its proceedings. Certain proceedings in open session yesterday were not recorded on the Journal. He moved, therefore, to correct the record in the Journal.

Mr. Seward thought that the record of the proceedings was more honored in the breach than in the observance. He hoped that their session would be left to the future, and that they might resume them in their own good time.

Mr. Fessenden thought the Senators had resigned.

Mr. Hunter did not believe the Senators had resigned. They had withdrawn because they believed they had no longer a right to sit here.

Mr. Douglas moved to amend Mr. Benjamin's motion.

Mr. Seward moved to lay on the table.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Mason, Hunter, Douglas, and Benjamin.

Mr. Seward's motion was agreed to.

HOUSE.—After the transaction of some routine business.

Mr. Whittier asked leave to present a memorial from the citizens of Delaware, praying the adoption of the Crittenden resolutions; referred to the Committee of Five.

Mr. Harris, of Md., asked leave to present a memorial signed by 17,000 citizens of his State, praying the adoption of the propositions of the border State committee; laid on the table.

Mr. Hindman offered an amendment to the resolution of the Committee of Five, and it was not approved of either the Crittenden resolutions or the propositions of the Border State Committee. Objection being made, the amendment was not received.

Mr. Colfax reported back from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads the bill offered by him on Saturday, in relation to the postal service in South Carolina, and moved that it be put upon its passage.

Mr. Branch offered an amendment, providing for the suspension of all Federal laws in the States that have seceded from the Union, until the 1st of January, 1862, not received.

Mr. Stevens, of Pa., offered an amendment, empowering the President to suspend all laws relative to southern ports of entry, and providing that all vessels entering those ports may be seized and detained, until the President shall see fit to release them. The amendment was not received.

Mr. O. O. F.—GRAND ENCAMPMENT.—Grand Encampment of the Grand Order of the United American Mechanics, held at Odd Fellows Hall, Seventh st., on TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 22, at 7 o'clock.

THE UNION PRAYER MEETINGS will be held every day this week, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of 11th and H streets, to commence at 4 o'clock, and to continue one hour.

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